

(Approved)
MINUTES OF THE
HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
Tuesday, August 14, 2018 • 8:30 a.m. • 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Evan J. Vickers, Senate Chair
Rep. Derrin R. Owens, House Chair
Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. Don L. Ipson
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
Rep. Kim F. Coleman
Rep. Marsha Judkins
Rep. Karen Kwan
Rep. Kelly B. Miles
Rep. Val K. Potter

Rep. Mark A. Wheatley
Rep. Mike Winder

Members Absent:

Sen. Jim Dabakis
Sen. Deidre M. Henderson
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Rep. Brad M. Daw

Staff Present:

Mr. Spencer C. Pratt, Fiscal Manager
Ms. Lorna Wells, Session Secretary
Mr. Sean C. Faherty, Fiscal Analyst

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1 . Call to Order/Approval of minutes (June 19, 2018)

Chair Vickers called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

New committee member Representative Marsha Judkins introduced herself to the committee.

2 . Fiscal Notes/Building Blocks Follow-up Report Presentation

Mr. Sean Faherty, Fiscal Analyst, discussed the Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-Up Report for Utah System of Technical Colleges (USTC). He also explained some of the formatting changes to the report.

[2a-Issue Brief - 2018 Interim - Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-up Report - All Items](#)

Mr. Spencer Pratt, Fiscal Manager discussed the Report for Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) institutions.

[2b-Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-up Report - 2018 Interim - HED Items](#)

Rep. Judkins asked a clarifying question. Mr. Pratt answered her question.

Mr. Pratt continued with his report.

Rep. Coleman asked a question about the Student Athlete Graduation Improvement funding. Chair Vickers and Mr. Pratt answered her question.

Sen. Ipson expressed concern about punishing institutions by taking back some of their funding because of the lengthy process involved in hiring qualified individuals.

Rep. Kwan stated that it might be helpful to determine if there are barriers to hiring the individuals. She requested some specific data regarding faculty ethnicity statistics.

Mr. Pratt addressed their concerns by explaining the funding issue in more detail.

Rep. Wheatley concurred with Sen. Ipson's remarks.

Sen. Ipson stated that the institutions need to have the latitude they need to hire and retain qualified people.

MOTION: House Chair Owens moved to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2018 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 5 .

Yeas-12

Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. V. Potter
Sen. H. Stephenson
Sen. E. Vickers
Rep. M. Wheatley
Rep. M. Winder

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. J. Dabakis
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. J. Stevenson

Rep. Judkins asked for more information about finding the necessary data available for the committee. Mr. Pratt responded and would be willing to work with her off line.

House Chair Owens assumed the chair.

3 . 2017 GS Performance Measure Follow-up (USHE and UTECH)

Mr. Pratt discussed the USHE Line Item Performance Metrics. The reporting, as stated in intent language, will be presented at the subcommittee's October meeting.

[3-USHE and UCAT Line Item Performance Measures 8-14-2018](#)

4 . Student Pipeline Development (UTECH)

Mr. Faherty introduced the Student Pipeline Development with USTC.

Mr. Michael J. Bouwhuis, Interim Commissioner of USTC, discussed the programs involved.

Southwest/SUU Collaboration

Mr. Scott Wyatt, President, Southern Utah University explained the collaboration taking place between Southern Utah University and Southwest Technical College.

Chair Owens asked why it has taken so long for collaborations like this to happen. Pres. Wyatt responded.

Mr. Brennan Wood, President, Southwest Technical College also discussed the collaboration.

Dr. Steven Meredith, Assistant to the President, Planning/Institutional Effectiveness Southern Utah University further explained the program.

Sen. Millner expressed appreciation to the two presidents for their great work.

Sen. Stephenson stated that this is inspiring and might be utilized throughout the state. He asked if there is something that needs to be done to ensure that the competencies are actually obtained. Pres. Wyatt responded.

Rep. Potter asked if the two databases being used are compatible. Pres. Wood answered this question. Rep. Potter asked if other institutions are also supportive of this. Pres. Wood answered this question.

Pres. Wood reported on how the funding that was appropriated for this program has been utilized.

Chair Owens introduced Mr. Harris Simmons, the new Chair of the Board of Regents..

H.B. 437 Discussion.

Interim Comm. Bouwhuis Introduced Mr. Jared Haines, Associate Commissioner for USTC.

Interim Comm. Bowhuis explained a problem with the narrow scope of H. B 437 regarding CTE Scholarships.

Year of Technical Education.

Interim Comm. Bouwhuis discussed some key points regarding this effort.

Sen. Millner asked a question regarding the four options regarding CTE Scholarships. Interim Comm. Bowhuis responded.

ASU Model

Sen. Stephenson reported on a presentation from Dr. Crow, President of Arizona State University, at the NCSL summit.. He discussed the Agency to Enterprise model.

[4-ASU - CrowAnderson](#)

[4-ASU - Agency to Enterprise](#)

4-From Agency to Enterprise - 8-14-2018

Rep. Potter reported on his experience at this presentation.

Rep. Coleman discussed the unique leadership skills of Dr. Crow.

5 . Follow-up Request from subcommittee

USHE Cost Per Degree

Dr. Kimberly Henrie, Assoc. Commissioner for Finance and Facilities, USHE, gave a presentation regarding Cost Per Degree.

[5a-2018 - Cost Per Degree](#)

Sen. Stephenson asked for access to the material presented. He also asked for more specific data regarding non-completers.

Rep. Kwan asked some clarifying questions about the calculation of the institution costs reported. Comm. Henrie answered her questions.

Rep. Kwan asked about comparisons with peer institutions. Comm. Henrie stated that comparison data is not readily available.

Rep. Judkins asked for clarification regarding the cost calculations. Comm. Henrie answered this question, and stated that she could explain this in more depth with Rep. Judkins off line.

USHE and UTech Implementation of FY 2019 Salary Increases from S.B. 8

Dr. David Buhler, Commissioner, USHE reported on the USHE Salary Increases.

Rep. Potter mentioned that this was funding was not meant to be merit based. Comm. Buhler responded to this issue.

Interim Comm. Bowhuis reported on the 2.5% increase for USTC.

USHE Online Education compared to what other states are doing

Mr. Spencer Jenkins, Assistant Commissioner for Public Affairs reported on Online Education.

[5a-2018 - Online Comparison](#)

4-2018 - Online Comparison

Sen. Stephenson mentioned that Colorado citizens are not allowed to enroll in on-line education. He asked about Western Governor's University. Mr. Jenkins will get Sen. Stephenson will get this information to him.

Nursing Program Funding

Comm. Buhler reported on the additional nursing seats available from the recent funding.

Chair Owens mentioned that the October Interim meeting will be a joint meeting with the Infrastructure and General Government subcommittee for the first hour.

MOTION: Sen. Ipson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 7 .

Yeas-10

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Nays-0

Absent-7

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House Chair Owens adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.